Power theft cases in Delhi

182. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the checks introduced by DESU, the number of power thefts cases in Delhi are going up; if so, what are the main reasons therefor;

(b) what are the details of the checks introduced by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking to control the theft cases;

(c) what has been the loss to DESU during the last three years (Year-wise) ;

(d) what was the number of cases detected during the last three years, giving their particulars; and

(e) what action has so far been taken by Government against each defaulter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) According to DESU, the number of cases of power theft detected has shown an increase in 1985-86 as compared to 1984-85. The cases mostly pertain to the unauthorised and unelectrified pockets/colonies which are not to be electrified in consonance with the policy of the Government to check unauthorised and unplanned construction etc. in Delhi.

(b) Checks introduced by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking to control cases of theft include extensive raids to apprehend persons indulging in theft of energy, providing new meters having devices to prevent fraudulent abstraction of energy, procuring meters with stopper provision so that it cannot run in reverse etc.

(c) The difference between the energy available for sale and the energy billed are normally the T&D losses which work to about 18% for 1985-86. The transmission and distribution losses consist of (i) technical losses attributable to transmission and line losses; and (ii) commercial losses due to pilferage or theft. It is not possible to segregate theft of energy from the total transmission losses, though technical losses are a substantial component of the T&D losses.

(d) and (e) The number of cases of theft of electricity detected by DESU during the last three years are as under :—

1983-84	32
1984-85	48
1985-86	344

Necessary FIR was lodged with the police against the defaulters. The supply taken unlawfully was also disconnected.

Breakdown of power in Delhi

183. SHRI J.P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of breakdown in Delhi's power network during the months of May and June, 1986;

(b) the maximum number of power breakdowns is one day during these months indicating the date ;

(c) the reasons for such a large number of power breakdowns ;

(d) the efforts made to strengthen the transmission and distribution of power network in the Capital and with what results; and